

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

STEVE SILVERMAN, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP.,
JOHN F. TERWILLIGER, and JAY JACOBS,

Defendants.

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) **Case No. 12-CV-1332**
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) **CLASS ACTION**
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) **Judge Melinda Harmon**
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NORMAN JACOBS, Individually and On Behalf
of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP.,
JOHN F. TERWILLIGER, JAMES J. JACOBS,
JOHN P. BOYLAN, RICHARD J. HOWE,
STEPHEN HARTZELL, J. ALEX LOFTUS,
ORRIE LEE TAWES, EDWIN BROWN III, and
KENNETH A. JEFFERS,

Defendants.

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) **Case No. 12-CV-1404**
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) **CLASS ACTION**
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) **Judge Vanessa D. Gilmore**
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MOHAMMAD MANZOOR, Individually and
On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP.,
JOHN F. TERWILLIGER, and JAY JACOBS,

Defendants.

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) **Case No. 12-CV-1466**
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) **CLASS ACTION**
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) **Judge Lee H. Rosenthal**
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**ORDER CONSOLIDATING RELATED ACTIONS, APPOINTING LEAD
PLAINTIFF AND APPROVING SELECTION OF CO-LEAD COUNSEL**

WHEREAS, the Court has considered the competing motions for Appointment of Lead Plaintiff and Approval of Lead Counsel,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

I. CONSOLIDATION

1. Pursuant to Federal Civil Procedure Rule 42 and § 78u-4(a)(3)(B)(ii) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), the above captioned actions are hereby consolidated for all purposes into one action.

2. These actions shall be referred to herein as the “Consolidated Actions.” This Order shall apply to the Consolidated Actions and to each case that is subsequently filed in this Court that relates to the same subject matter as in the Consolidated Actions.

3. Every pleading in this Consolidated Action shall bear the following Caption:

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

**In re Houston American Energy Corp.
Securities Litigation**

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

No. _____

CLASS ACTION

[TITLE OF DOCUMENT]

When the document being filed pertains to all actions, the phrase “All Actions” shall appear immediately after the phrase “This Document Relates To:” When the document applies to some, but not all, of the actions, the document shall list, immediately after the phrase “This Document Relates To:”, the docket number for each individual action to which the document applies, along with the name of the first-listed plaintiff in said action.

4. This Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk of this Court the filing or transfer of any case which might not properly be consolidated as part of this Consolidated Action.

II. MASTER DOCKET AND MASTER FILE

5. A Master Docket and Master File shall be established for the Consolidated Actions. The Master File shall be No. 4:12-cv-01332. All orders, pleadings, motions and other documents shall, when filed and docketed in the Master File, be deemed filed and docketed in each individual case to the extent applicable. When an order, pleading, motion or document is filed with a caption indicating that it is applicable to fewer than all of these Consolidated Actions, the clerk shall file such pleadings in the Master File and note such filing in the Master Docket and in the docket of each action referenced.

III. NEWLY-FILED OR TRANSFERRED ACTIONS

6. When a case that arises out of the subject matter of this action is hereinafter filed in this Court or transferred to this Court from another court, the Clerk of this Court shall:

- a. file a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action;
- b. mail a copy of this Order to the attorneys for the plaintiff(s) in the newly filed or transferred case and to any new defendant(s) in the newly filed or transferred case; and
- c. make the appropriate entry in the docket for this action.

7. Each new case which arises out of the subject matter of this Consolidated Action that is filed in this Court or transferred to this Court shall be consolidated with this action and this Order shall apply thereto, unless a party objecting to this Order or any provision of this Order shall, within ten (10) days after the date upon which a copy of this Order is served on counsel for such party, files an application for relief from this Order or any provision herein and this Court deems it appropriate to grant such application.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF LEAD PLAINTIFF AND CO-LEAD COUNSEL

8. Having reviewed all pending Motions and accompanying Memoranda of points and authorities, the Court hereby appoints the Spitzberg/Gerber Group as Lead Plaintiff. The Spitzberg/Gerber Group satisfies the requirements for Lead Plaintiff pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B)(iii) of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”).

9. Lead Plaintiff, pursuant to Section 21D(a)(3)(B)(v) of the PSLRA, has selected and retained Federman & Sherwood and Pomerantz Haudek Grossman & Gross LLP as proposed Co-Lead Counsel in this action. The Court approves this selection and appoints Federman & Sherwood and Pomerantz Haudek Grossman & Gross LLP as Co-Lead Counsel for the Class.

10. Co-lead Counsel shall have the following responsibilities and duties, to be carried out either personally or through counsel whom Co-Lead Counsel shall designate:

- (a) to coordinate the briefing and argument of motions;
- (b) to coordinate the conduct of discovery proceedings;
- (c) to coordinate the examination of witnesses in depositions;
- (d) to coordinate the selection of counsel to act as a spokesperson at pretrial conferences;
- (e) to call meetings of the plaintiffs’ counsel as they deem necessary and appropriate from time to time;
- (f) to coordinate all settlements negotiations with counsel for defendants;
- (g) to coordinate and direct the pretrial discovery proceedings and the preparation for trial and the trial of this matter and to delegate work responsibilities to selected counsel as may be required; and
- (h) to supervise any other matters concerning the prosecution, resolution or settlement of the Action.

11. No motion, request for discovery, or other pretrial proceedings shall be initiated or filed by any plaintiffs without the approval of Co-Lead Counsel, so as to prevent duplicative

pleadings or discovery by plaintiffs. No settlement negotiations shall be conducted without the approval of Co-Lead Counsel.

12. Counsel in any related action that is consolidated with this Action shall be bound by this organization of plaintiffs' counsel.

13. Co-Lead Counsel shall have the responsibility of receiving and disseminating Court orders and notices.

14. Co-Lead Counsel shall be the contact between plaintiffs' counsel, and shall direct and coordinate the activities of plaintiffs' counsel.

15. Defendants shall effect service of papers on plaintiffs by serving a copy of same on Co-Lead Counsel by overnight mail service, electronic or hand delivery. Plaintiffs shall effect service of papers on defendants by serving a copy of same on defendants' counsel by overnight mail service, electronic or hand delivery.

16. During the pendency of this litigation, or until further order of this Court, the parties shall take reasonable steps to preserve all documents within their possession, custody, or control, including computer-generated and stored information, and materials such as computerized data and electronic mail, containing information which is relevant or which may lead to the discovery of information relevant to the subject matter of the pending litigation.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 20, 2012
Houston, Texas



Honorable Melinda Harmon
United States District Judge
Southern District of Texas